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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

This is a brief summary of a telephone interview that the Applicant had with Examiner Jorge A. Casanova and Supervisory Patent Examiner James Trujillo pertaining to the above application on January 9, 2009.

The interview focussed on the argument briefly described in the "Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form" filed by the Applicant on December 18, 2008. That argument was as follows:

"The Examiner's application of a 'broad reasonable interpretation' standard to a prior art reference (i.e., US 6,529,909) when rejecting Claim 17 under 35 USC 102(e) is not correct.

The ‘broad reasonable interpretation’ standard should be applied to claim interpretation only and not to prior art interpretation.”

In the interview, Supervisory Patent Examiner Trujillo agreed that Examiner Casanova likely applied the wrong standard of interpretation to U.S. Patent No. 6,529,909 (“Bowman-Amuah”), the prior art reference in question, in his Final Office Action of December 8, 2008 (the “Final Office Action”). The Applicant suggested that the narrower “reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art” standard such as set out in Section 2123 (I) of the MPEP would be more appropriate.

Supervisory Patent Examiner Trujillo and Examiner Casanova suggested that the Applicant file a response to the Final Office Action including the above argument and any other suitable arguments or amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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